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_____	AD	6-310547	11/04/94	Japan	Yes. Corresponds to U.S. 5,438,212 and U.S. 5,770,513
_____	AE	2002-329723	11/15/02	Japan	Yes. Corresponds to U.S. 7,084,507
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Attention is directed to the following portions of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:

Reference AF paragraphs [0014]-[0028] and Figs. 3, 4;

Reference AG paragraphs [0002]-[0008] and Fig. 2; and

Reference AH paragraphs [0014]-[0088] and Figures.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

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